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Trustees of the Preston-based Steam Museum Trust are planning to restore the steam-tug Cervia, which has been moored in Ramsgate harbour for more than 30 years, at a cost of more than £1 million

BY GARETH DORRIAN

A POWERFUL but rusting relic of British maritime history is set for more than £1 million of restoration work.

The long-neglected steam-tug Cervia, which has been docked at Ramsgate harbour for more than 30 years, should be in seafaring condition within two years, according to trustees of the Ramsgate Maritime Museum.

The Cervia is on long-term loan to the museum, which is due to reopen in the summer after the details were finalised this month.

The trustees of the Preston-based Steam Museum Trust have been handed a 99-year lease that includes three years' free rent for the Thanet council-owned clocktower building.

Trust chairman Michael List-Brain said: "The restoration work starts this week and should take two years to finish, costing between £1.2 million and £1.4 million.

"The deal to take over the museum has been a long and tortuous process lasting around six months. We have found it very frustrating, but now we can get on with restoring the Cervia and getting thousands more visitors to the museum."

Mr List-Brain said the formidable tug, which has a 1,000hp triple-expansion steam-engine, is the only ship of its kind left in Britain. It is 34.4 metres long and weighs 233 tonnes.

It sank near Tilbury docks in Essex after a collision in 1954 with a steam-liner's engines, killing all five crew. It was refloated and taken to Ramsgate for repair.

It returned to work in the 1970s before a

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Isle set for trial of new parking charge scheme

BY TOM BETTS

A NEW system of parking charges will be piloted in five high-street areas of the isle next week.

The scheme, which starts on Monday and is known as linear charging, means people will be required to pay a minimum charge of 20 pence for 10 minutes' parking and then 1.5 pence per minute thereafter up to a two-hour maximum.

It will be trialled in town centre areas such as Cavendish Street, Ramsgate; Northdown Road, Cliftonville; High Street, Margate; Marine Drive, Margate; Belvedere Road, Broadstairs; High Street, Broadstairs; Charlotte Street, Broadstairs and Station Road, Birchington.

Previously, the minimum charge was 50 pence and then there was a sliding scale of set charges, depending on how long people were parking for.

The new scheme will be piloted for a period of six months.

Extended

Linear charging is being tested out after research was carried out by the Broadstairs and St Peter's Chamber of Commerce into a number of different parking schemes used across the UK.

After discussion with traders' groups in the five areas, it was agreed to pilot the new scheme.

Thanet council will be monitoring how the new parking scheme is received by carrying out surveys and getting feedback from local traders throughout the pilot.

If successful, it could be extended to other parts of Thanet.

Sandy Ezekiel, leader of Thanet council, said: "I was really pleased when Broadstairs Chamber of Commerce brought this idea to me



WAY FORWARD? Five high-street areas will pilot the linear parking scheme next week

and I'm delighted that we have been able put their idea into place for a trial six months. Many people think that free parking would be the answer, but we aren't in a position to offer that. I feel that this is the next best thing at this moment in time.

"A lot of research and hard work has gone into finding out which parking scheme should be used and I welcome feedback from everyone on how this option works for them."

Howard Evans, former chairman of Broadstairs and St Peter's Chamber of Commerce, said: "It's great to see a project the Chamber of Commerce were so passionate about, being put into place for the benefit of everyone in Thanet. We did an exceptional amount of work to find out which parking options worked best and we are really pleased to see linear parking come to fruition."

"We feel that linear parking allows residents and visitors to pay a realistic price for the amount of parking that they need."

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NEWS IN BRIEF



ON THE BALL: Johnny with year nine pupils

Children visit campus to learn from TV star

TV legend Johnny Ball visited the Canterbury Christchurch University campus in Broadstairs to teach a series of workshops to schoolchildren.

Schoolchildren from King Ethelbert school in Birchington were among those who took part in the lessons and lectures, which included code-breaking and paper folding.

The TV presenter and maths and science enthusiast, known for his high-energy displays, also talked about his time at school with the pupils who were from Year Nine.

Maths teacher Miss Rossiter said: "It was fantastic to see pupils finding maths fun and working together to solve problems."

"Pupils will now take what they have learnt back to the classroom."

Nine other schools from around Kent also went along to see Mr Ball give his talks.

Donations wanted to aid QEQM annual fête

THE Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital League of Friends hold their annual summer fête on August 1.

It will be held on the hospital grounds in the maternity car park from 10.30am-2pm, and feature a fun dog show, stalls and fun and games.

The league are collecting bric-a-brac, good china, books and toys to sell.

Donations can be taken to the Ramsgate Road entrance between 6-8pm any evening week from July 27, where there will be committee members collecting the items.

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Salon apprentice must be a cut above the rest

■ BY TOM BETTS

FOLLOWING Margate's much-publicised appearance on *The Apprentice*, a local hairdressing salon is drawing on inspiration from the show to find their next trainees.

Taking a lead from the hit BBC show, owner of Ramsgate's Obsessions salon Jenny Paul is asking for people who want to pursue a career with the scissors to step forward and take part in the process.

On offer is the chance to break into the hair industry by becoming an apprentice for a year, with the possibility of becoming a full-time member of the salon team.

She said: "Two people will win one year's training at Keith Graham Training Academy, who open a new place in Ramsgate soon, and a year's employment with us, in-house training and all the equipment they will need."

Morale

"I'm also looking at sorting out some courses with L'Oreal and occasional hairdresser Patrick Cameron as well."

"At the moment jobs seem very hard to come by around here, so it is our way of helping to boost morale and get people to come along and take part to see if they have a future with us."

The event takes place on Monday, August 24, at Rokka Bar in Margate.

Show-style job audition to get a new trainee

Prospective juniors must be over 16 and will be asked to sit in front of a six-strong panel made up of the salon team to explain why they think they should become one of the two new apprentices.

Jenny, 28, is keen to see a CV from applicants before the event so that they can be given a designated time slot, although people can turn also up on the day if they choose to.

"I'm hoping for a great response," she said. "The young people around here have a lot to offer and we are sure we will be able to find two people who will become valued members of the team."

The salon has been open for about three years.

Jenny said: "We are happy with the salon now. We have the right look and a good atmosphere here, so now want to give some young people the chance to shine and show us what they can do."

To apply, send or drop in a CV to Obsessions, George Street, Ramsgate.

• Email yourthanet@kosmedia.co.uk



SHORN THING: The Obsessions team are on lookout for a new trainee

Recycling slashed at shopping centre

WESTWOOD Cross officials say they have managed to increase the centre's recycling by 26 per cent in the last year.

As part of landlord Land Securities' national campaign to reduce waste at all its retail sites, the management team at the shopping complex has worked with its 40-plus retailers to recycle as much paper, cardboard, wood and plastic as possible.

Westwood Cross marketing manager Tracie Stevens said: "The site's improved recycling record is thanks to Janice Juett, our administrator, who has worked with our retailers and managed to increase by a quarter the amount that we are able to recycle. This is part of our ongoing programme to reduce Westwood Cross's level of waste and its carbon footprint."

"We are proud to be sending fewer kilos of waste to landfill sites."

Westwood Cross extended its energy saving message to shoppers with a day-long visit from The Energy Saving Trust, a Government-backed, not-for-profit organisation.

The trust's staff distributed advice leaflets and answered queries about energy saving tips and the grants available to householders.

Beat it to Granville

AUDITION dates for the Michael Jackson Tribute contest in Birchington take place next week.

To showcase your talents, go to Ramsgate's Granville Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, between 6pm-9pm.

The winners will go forward to the full concert due to be held at King Ethelbert School in Birchington at the end of the month.

Organiser and judge John Worrow said: "People must book their slot ASAP so that we can plan efficiently."

New dawn for Cervia

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deal was struck with the museum in 1985.

"There used to be hundreds of steam tugs," said Mr List-Brain.

"The Cervia was built just as World War Two ended and has a long association with Ramsgate. It's a huge undertaking but will be worth it."

A café and improvements to the gift shop is promised, as well as up to six weekend events at the site.

Thanet council has agreed to write off debts owed by the East Kent Maritime Trust, which previously ran the attraction.

Mr List-Brain said: "The ultimate aim is to get it back into full working order. She's a tremendous asset to the town and should prove to be a huge attraction for visitors to Ramsgate - when she's restored."

The estimated £1 million renovation costs will need to be raised by the museum trustees - no grant money has been awarded.

A Thanet council spokeswoman said the authority would help the museum's new tenants with advice on business planning, conservation and promoting the attraction.

A Cabinet meeting is expected to approve the deal on August 6.

Visit ramsgatemaritimemuseum.org.uk for more details, or call 01843 570622.

Community mourns loss of 'caring friend'

A MAN who was stabbed to death in Ramsgate last week has been described by his family and friends as "a caring, kind, loyal and trusted friend".

The community of Conyngham Close and the surrounding area in Ramsgate are remembering 64-year-old John Joyce, who was found dead in his home on Wednesday last week.

A post-mortem examination revealed that he died from stab wounds.

The loss of the loving father of three, grandfather of four and one of 10 siblings has been devastating for those who knew and loved him, say Kent Police.

Mr Joyce, a retired electrician, moved to Thanet 37 years ago.

His mother had moved to the area from London and he had lived in Conyngham Close since 1973.

He helped his neighbours using the skills he had spent his working life perfecting, but he would happily potter in their gardens, turn his

hand to painting and decorating when required and take and collect friends' children from school.

He would also have barbecues and invite people in the close along.

His sister Margaret, his daughters Sarah and Angela and his son Ian have spoken out on behalf of the family.

"It is a huge loss to us all. He had many people who cared deeply for him and he will be with us in our hearts forever."

It has not yet been possible to organise a funeral because of the process of the murder inquiry.

When it happens, it will be dealt with by Twyman and Holmes funeral directors in Ramsgate. Details of the funeral will be released as soon as possible and everyone will be welcome.

• David Alberto, 31, of Albert Street in Ramsgate, has been charged with the murder of Mr Joyce. He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear again at Maidstone Crown



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Cliftonville: your views are wanted

A DOCUMENT containing planning policies for the Cliftonville West ward has been published after consultation with residents.

Thanet council is pushing to change the area with proposals such as restricting the number of one-bedroom flats and houses of multiple occupation.

Other policies include retaining family housing and insisting on family homes in any developments. There is also support for upgrading tourist accommodation and providing new facilities.

The document will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

The document is available at <http://consult.thanet.gov.uk>. Comments can be submitted online or a form printed. Copies can also be collected at Thanet's Gateway Plus in Margate library, St Paul's community centre in Cliftonville and Cliftonville library.

Comments must be with Thanet council by Friday, July 31.

Loiter within tent

A MOBILE marquee has been set up to boost the isle's tourism trade.

Thanet council has invested in the new project, which will showcase the isle's attractions. It will be taken to events to promote the district and be equipped with all the information a visitor needs.

Summer events hosting the marquee include the Broadstairs Dickens Festival, Margate's Big Event, Quexpo and Thanet Pride.

Thanet council's Shirley Tomlinson said: "This service is a great addition to our visitor information centres and will enable the team to get out and about to meet residents and visitors, promoting the what the area has to offer."

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UNDER COVER: Meet the tourism tent team. Search 'tourism'

Brush with fame as Turner opens door to new artists

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE latest show at the Turner Contemporary Project Space features more than 120 works by 53 artists from across the county.

The Turner Contemporary Open 2009 got under way at the end of June and runs until Sunday, September 6. Admission is free.

Selected by a panel of arts professionals, the exhibition showcases work by emerging and established artists who live and work in the county or who have graduated from a Kent art college since 2000.

The exhibition has been in the making since the beginning of the year, when Turner Contemporary sent out a call for artists to submit images of their work.

The panel comprised Martin Clark, artistic director at Tate St Ives; artist Laura Ford, whose bronze sculptures inspired by the Tales of Beatrix Potter were installed on Margate seafront in 2007 in the exhibition Rag and Bone;

Hilde Teerlinck, director of the regional contemporary art centre Frac Nord-Pas de Calais; and Sarah Martin, Turner Contemporary's exhibitions curator.

A spokesman said: "All the works were judged on an anonymous basis, so panel members were not told the names of the artists until the selections had been made."

"In many cases, the panel selected three or four pieces by one artist so visitors will be able to get a broader appreciation of their work."

"In making their selection, the panel was not selecting works to fit a particular theme, but rather wanted the selection to include a wide range of work in different media."

Included is a wealth of contemporary art, from Jim Allchin's striking images based on photographs he has unearthed to colourful abstracts by Tina Atchison-Thomas and Duncan Brannan. The exhibition is open on Tuesday to

Sunday, from 10am-5pm. Kent's landscape has inspired many of the selected works, including Leise Wilson's views of Kingsgate Bay.

Sculptures in the exhibition include Margate artist Mark Parry's Contemplate, made up of thousands of ice-cream cornets arranged in the shape of a temple.

Ms Martin said: "It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the quality work being made by Kent artists now."

"I also think it's entirely in the spirit of JMW Turner. During his lifetime he frequently submitted his work for exhibitions at the Royal Academy, and the annual Turner Prize at Tate bears his name partly because he wished to establish a prize for young artists."

Thanet artists exhibiting are Julie Westbury, Grace Ayson, Moyra Derby, Shelly Goldsmith, Roger Hopgood, Norman Kaghma, Stephen Melton and Andrew Palmer, all from Ramsgate; Leise Wilson from Broadstairs; Dan Bass from Birchington; and Margate's Matthew de Pulford, Roy Eastland and Mark Parry.

BEACH BOYS KEEP COOL IN A CRISIS



Three schoolboys have been praised for helping rescue a man who was cut off by the tide between Kingsgate and Broadstairs.

Friends Luke Fairhead, Robert Jones and Chay Fairfax-Williams, pupils at the Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs, were on the beach near the Captain Digby pub when they noticed a man on a sandbar had been cut off by the tide.

Coastguard Tim Gunn, who teaches the year ten boys public services at the Charles Dickens, said: "They did everything right. Luke waded into the sea, which was up to his chest, to make contact with the man."

"Robert ran across the beach and up the cliff steps to where he remembered seeing a lifebelt and with Chay's assistance got the belt to Luke to pass to the man."

"Margate lifeboat arrived and helped the man to shore. The boys didn't panic and didn't jeopardise their own safety at any time."

"They deserve praise for their cool actions and quick thinking."

They were presented with certificates acknowledging their efforts. Luke and Robert are pictured with Mr Gunn.

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Clubbers invited aboard night bus



SAFETY FIRST: Eastonways and Thanet Community Safety Partnership's night bus starts at the weekend

BY TOM BETTS

A BUS service to ensure clubbers get home safely after a night on the town starts this week.

Drinkers will be able to hop on board a double-decker to get back home from Friday.

Running a circular route from its starting point in Broadstairs, the bus will cost £2 to board and be manned by two police officers in case of rowdy behaviour.

It will take to the road at 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights. It is being put on by operator Eastonways and will be marked in night bus livery to make it stand out from the fleet. The bus will run until 3am.

The service will be available until September 5. Community safety coordinator Jessica Bailey said: "One of our key concerns is to ensure people enjoying a night out in Thanet are able to get home safely."

"The night bus service will offer them a safe and low-cost way of ensuring that."

"We've put the funding into this scheme because we think it's something that will

really help to keep people safe and reduce the potential for crime. We're doing this as a trial and need people to use it. We won't be able to continue with the night bus if the demand isn't there."

The service is being funded and has been organised by the Thanet Community Safety Partnership, a group of organisations aiming to make Thanet a safer place in which to live, work and visit. The route starts and finishes at Queens Road, Broadstairs, and can be flagged down by people wanting to hop on.

There will be stops across the isle, including Broadstairs station; St Peter's; Northdown Road, Cliftonville; Margate seafront; Cecil Square, Margate; Westwood; Staner Court, Ramsgate, and Ramsgate harbour.

Ms Bailey said: "This scheme was tried a few years ago and proved successful."

"We want to make sure people can get home cheaply and safely, particularly vulnerable people who would normally walk home."

"We are keen not to take trade away from taxis, and people who would otherwise get taxis will continue to do so because the night bus service runs once an hour."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospice is store's charity

THE isle branch of Sainsbury's has chosen Pilgrims Hospices as its charity for the year.

Customers and staff voted on which cause they wanted the store to support.

Fund-raisers and voluntary work will be held to go towards the £22,000 it costs each day to run Pilgrims Hospices.

A store official said: "As 83p in every £1 goes directly on patient care, money raised by Sainsbury's staff and customers will make a tangible difference to more than 1,800 local people and their families this year. Pilgrims Hospices really stood out as a local charity that we could benefit."

The store got the partnership under way at the start of this month and the next in-store collection takes place on Wednesday, next week. Staff and customers will be invited to join in and support Sainsbury's Go Yellow fund-raising activity by wearing yellow clothing.

Good advice comes free

GROUPS in Thanet are being offered free advice in efforts to win funding.

Voluntary organisations can now consult a projects advisor who will offer advice, workshops and training courses, until March 2010.

The Safer Stronger Communities Fund is paying for advisor Marina Nagai, who will help with meetings and legal matters.

She will be assisted by Heather Biddles and based at the Community Action South East Kent office in Meeting Street, Ramsgate. Email thanet@casekent.org.uk for more information, or phone 01843 588780.

Tara Hollick's Girls World

THE July 1 edition of Yourthanet carried a story about Tara and Adam Hollick, who featured in Sunday's episode of Wife Swap, Channel 4's reality show.

The article referred to Tara as a hairdresser when in fact she runs a beauty salon – Girls World in Minster High Street (phone 01843 826308) – which offers tanning, waxing, facials, tinting, massage, manicures, pedicures, nail extensions, body wraps, Indian head massage and lash extensions.

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Rock'n'roll with Rotary's Wii gift

THE Rotary Club of Ramsgate has made a donation of £250 to Dumpton Youth Project to pay for a Nintendo Wii games console with accompanying guitar and drum kit.

The Project is a youth club with 80 members that meets on Wednesdays at Newlands Primary School.

It is staffed by volunteers and parents and attended by children aged five to 12 years.

Rotary president David Blackwell said: "Our club loves to help local causes and were delighted to make this donation. The project will be supplying helpers when we carry our Christmas collection with Santa and his sleigh in the Dumpton area of Ramsgate and the money we collect will go to them."

The project's Chris Carter said: "We're grate-



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ful to Rotary for this donation. The children are having great fun with the Wii."



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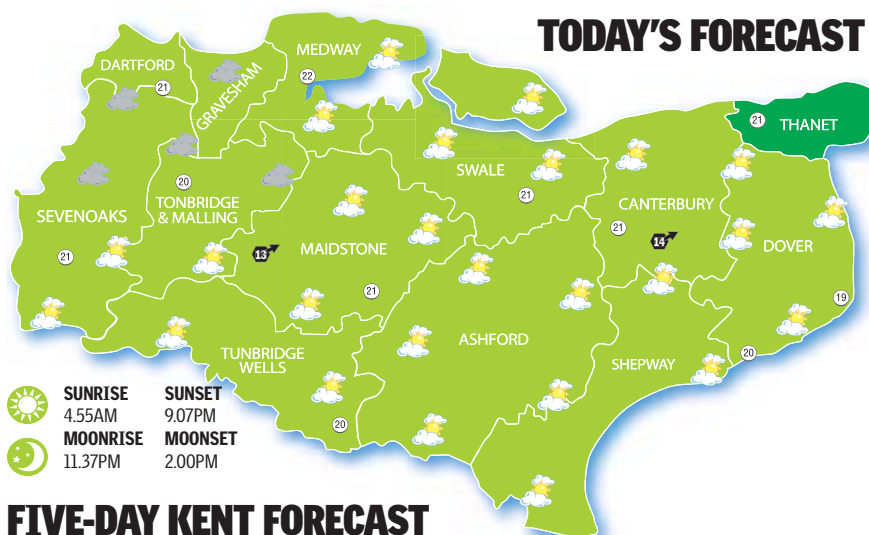
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Gibraltar	30°C	Vancouver	17°C
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WINNER: Hazel Nicholls has worked in a variety of roles

Caring Hazel is recognised with quality service award

SOCIAL-WORKER Hazel Nicholls is on cloud nine after being recognised as an unsung hero.

At a ceremony in Maidstone the Kent County Council employee was one person to receive an award as part of the Quality Service Awards for those who work above and beyond the call of their normal duties.

Over the last eight years, Hazel has worked in a variety of roles including mediation services, Connexions, Thanet College and Kent Social Services. Through these roles she has helped numerous families – supporting them through difficult times and helping them work through any problems.

Her current role includes co-ordinating and leading a support group for parents called Hand in Hand. She gives up much of her own time and commitment to develop the programme, which lasts seven weeks with continued support offered through a coffee morning or follow-up one-to-one appointments.

She was surprised when her name was read out, saying: "It was a wonderful shock. I'm proud to have been recognised and this award acknowledges the excellent work going on in the Thanet district."

Hazel is currently studying for a degree at Kent University, focusing on children and young people's behavioural difficulties.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

SEFTON PAINE



Q How did you get into gardening?

A My mother was green-fingered and took great pride in her garden, house plants and extensive vegetable patch.

I had very little concern for her passion. I'd decided I wanted to work in London and achieved that after college. But at 30 years old, although I had everything I had wanted, I was disillusioned. I felt that lifestyle had little more to offer.

I often favoured the countryside and nature but felt detached from it. I would never have thought its drag could be so powerful.

Alongside office work, I decided to partake in a little gardening at weekends, although at that time I knew little about what I was doing. It was that same drive that pushed me to where I am now – firmly embedded. So my mother's green fingers had more influence than I could ever have imagined.

Q Who or what do you write for?

A The Bond Enviro Horticulture Newsletter is a small bulletin page. Its aim is to publicise environmental and nature-based events and schemes as well as covering interesting topics, such as the plight of bees, and interviews with people who work in the community. It can be found in cafés, bars and shops across Thanet. I also provide a monthly 'Jobs to do in the garden' column for a website.

Q Where in Thanet are you from?

A I spent much of my childhood in Birchington. After moving away at 16, I returned to the island at 30 and have settled in Ramsgate.

Q Who is your hero?

A Without wanting to sound mawkish, my friends are my heroes. Heroes are quite fantastical and impossible, whereas friends advise, support and are truthful when you need them to be and will always help with our journeys. No hero can do this for you.

Q Does Thanet have a big horticultural scene?

A It's not a question I would like – or feel able to answer, but I'm not a fan of Kew Gardens – I prefer hands-on horticulture to the showcased variety – so even if that was on my doorstep I would still say no.

Q What is Dane Valley Woods?

A A community woodland project run by volunteers in Dane Valley. The idea is to create a peaceful woodland along with glades for use by the community. We have involved schools with the planting of native species.

The group is going from strength to strength

and would welcome new volunteers. Contact me at sefpacific@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Q What hobbies and interests do you have?

A Other than my obsessive research into plants, I enjoy tennis and football, cycling, travelling and good ale.

Q Where do you see yourself in five years?

A Impossible to say. All I can do is keep pushing forward with my passion. Sometimes paths lead you in different directions than those intended and, with time, you might realise it was the right path regardless.

I do have distinct plans and ideas, but the journey is proving to be an interesting ride, with many bumps and shakes.

Q What do you like and dislike about Thanet?

A Thanet has so much to offer. I've seen some really deprived towns and I wish people would realise just what they have here.

We have beautiful architecture, coastline, countryside and a quirky nature. The only thing I dislike is the resigned attitude. I wish there was a little more buoyancy and belief in the people of Thanet. There are lots of talented and gifted people here, but very few outlets. It really seems as though enterprise and ingenuity are not recognised – or even ignored.

Q&A

Tom Betts talks to Sefton Paine, a gardener and writer who grew up in Birchington and returned to the isle after more than a decade away and is now involved with the project to develop a community wood

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Experts baffled by speed camera revenue drop-off

■ BY EMILY HALL

THE number of speeding drivers caught by cameras has dropped by nearly two-thirds in a year, latest figures show.

The surprise drop has baffled road safety experts, but has been put down to a combination of drivers getting used to the cameras and the popularity of sat nav systems.

However, critics say the figures mean nothing if they don't coincide with a reduction in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries.

New statistics show that last year 22,701 drivers were clocked exceeding the speed limit by Gatso cameras and roadside vans – 34,833 fewer than the year before.

"This is a huge drop," said Katherine Barrett of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. "We think people are becoming more tolerant of cameras and more aware of where they are."

"We put signs up to warn motorists, have a ten per cent plus 2mph tolerance level and publish all the locations on the website, so there isn't really an excuse."

"Hopefully people are accepting that cameras are now a permanent safety feature on the roads and not there as revenue raisers."

Since the partnership was formed in 2002, 394,189 drivers have been snapped breaking speed limits at 75 fixed camera sites.

The fixed penalty notices handed out last year represent £1.3 million in revenue for the Government – a huge drop on the £3.4m made in 2007.

Speeding peaked in 2004 when 82,906 people were

caught, making £5m. Every driver has to pay at least a £60 fine and gets three points on their licence.

Terry Hudson, area organiser for the Association of British Drivers, said: "This looks good on paper but have the rates of accidents, deaths and injuries gone down, too?"

"Cameras have their uses in some places but I don't think they should be used to judge whether somebody is a good or bad driver. It's about speeding in the wrong places."

"Perhaps the reduction in tickets is due to the downturn in the economy and people using cars less. I think drivers are also more aware of the fines they will have to pay if they are caught."

Road safety campaigner Caroline Hobbs, whose eight-year-old daughter Jade and mother Margaret Kuwertz, 79, were killed while trying to cross the A249 at Detling, near Maidstone, in 2000, gave a cautious welcome to the reduction.

"If these figures show cameras are reducing accidents, that's great," she said. "But if it just means a reduction in the number of drivers getting ticketed, then it makes no odds."

"Most people who drive on the A249 are used to the camera being there and slow down, and that could be the case at other sites. And lot of people have sat nav systems now, especially if they do a lot of driving, and they can warn motorists about cameras."

"I'd put this down to people knowing where the cameras are and having better technology to warn them, but even then it's a pretty amazing drop."

The partnership has also just released its latest crash figures, which show the number of people killed or seriously injured has reduced by 63 per cent since 2002.

"There's no getting around it – safety cameras are definitely having an impact on reducing casualties," Ms Barrett said.

Speeding tickets issued in last six years:

July-Dec 2002 – 26,549
2003 – 69,049
2004 – 82,906
2005 – 65,185
2006 – 70,265
2007 – 57,534



TO THE FORE: Dean Headley (left) and Peter Rodd with nurse Angela Padgham

CLUBBING TOGETHER

A round of golf raised £2,000 for Pilgrims Hospices after 70 lawyers and staff from Kent firm Boys&Maughan played 27 holes at Prince's Golf Club in Sandwich.

The fund-raiser was topped off by a dinner, charity raffle and auction – as well as an evening of anecdotes from former England pace-bowler Dean Headley.

Pilgrims Hospices provide free palliative care, support for patients, families and their carers at three Kent sites – Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford.

Boys&Maughan partner Peter Rodd said: "Pilgrims Hospices have to raise £8 million each year to keep delivering care to those who need it the most. We are delighted to do our bit in supporting such an excellent cause."

'No water shortage despite heatwave'

DESPITE the recent heatwave and predicted glorious summer, Kent is unlikely to see a hosepipe ban over the coming months.

Environment Agency manager for Kent and East Sussex Andrew Pearce said the county had plenty of water in its reservoirs and groundwater supply because of a wet winter – but we need to save.

He said: "In the South East we have the highest usage of water in the UK," he said. "If we can reduce it by 35 litres a day to 130 litres per person per day, then we can save £1.6 billion in not having to build reservoirs."

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They also offer advice on the top picks of the season, making sure you take away the best our county has to offer each month.

Popular contenders at this time of year include blackberries, gooseberries and cherries. Also, the two favourites of all the summer fruits, raspberries and strawberries, are equally delicious and at their best now.

On the savoury side, there are plenty of vegetables to be snapped up. Old favourites such as broad beans and garden peas are coming into season now, as are courgettes and bunched beetroot. For the true taste of home you should also

try new Kentish potatoes, fresh from the county's soil. For salad lovers, summer is a great time to stock up on the classics of celery, cucumber, French beans, lettuce, tomatoes and radishes.

And we all know that when the sun comes out, the barbecue is often soon to follow.

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And if the summer sun is putting you in a generous mood, there are also gift hampers, or selections of chutneys, jams and marmalades which make an ideal gift for a taste of local produce.

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MD Julian Barnes will travel to the House of Lords later this month to receive the awards. Biddenden Vineyards is located just outside the historic village of Biddenden in Gribble Bridge Lane. Its full range of products is also available online at www.biddendenvineyards.com

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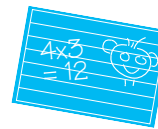
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IN TUNE: It's not all drumming for percussionist George

George drums up successful music career

■ BY TOM BETTS

AS one of the top young emerging percussionists in the UK, you could forgive George English for banging his own drum.

The 18-year-old from Ramsgate is firmly focused on achieving his ambition of playing in hit West End musicals or in a professional orchestra.

Already principal percussionist with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, with whom he has toured both Spain and Portugal, George is set to begin his Bachelor of Music degree at The Guildhall College of Music in September.

He was recently invited to play at the prestigious Bodens Theatre School in Potters Bar for a seven-show residency for a touring production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

He has been an ever-present member of Kent County Youth Orchestra for some time.

George is no stranger to playing at world-famous venues, including the Royal Albert

Hall, in London, where he appeared with the award-winning Thanet Percussion Ensemble in their inspired works Chairs and The Music Detention.

He also played at the same venue with KCYO accompanying the Kent youth massed choir of 500 junior-school children.

George has honed his skills in the music department at Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate and with the percussion ensemble that is based there.

He is in the school's senior wind band, jazz band and jazz band spin-off Jazztet.

He travels to London every Saturday for lessons at the Centre For Young Musicians and has played percussion in many local musical productions, as well as in school productions, where he has concentrated on the technical side of the shows in the sound and lighting crew.

George said: "I love percussion and the opportunities it gives you to add any amount of light and shade, colour, imagination and drama to music."

"It works so well in all musical settings – from classical music to West End scores, from Latin-rock bands like Santana to world music."

BREAK TIME



RUNNING IN THE FAMILY: Jane with her children Jacob and Tamara, who are also runners

JANE Higgins, fund-raiser of the year and a modern languages teacher at St Lawrence College, made one long-standing dream come true when she completed her first London Marathon.

In April she raised more than £1,500 for the charity Phab Kids.

It aims to integrate disabled and able-bodied children through a range of social and sports activities.

Jane said: "Donations are still trickling in through the website, so the total has exceeded my target of £1,500."

She completed her race within her target time of five hours and ten minutes, although she admitted that the last six miles were tough.

She said: "Had it not been for the crowd support I would have felt like giving up – but the atmosphere was great."

Two weeks after the London Marathon, Jane took part in the Moonwalk in London, another charity event to raise money for research into breast cancer.

The next event in her sponsorship calendar will be the Race for Life. If you would like to sponsor Jane, please contact her at St Lawrence College.

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A visit to the JobCentre prompted this week's writer to ponder the failure of some to integrate



If you won't embrace British culture, why are you here?

IS it just me, or are other people worried about the problems caused by membership of this wretched European Economic Community?

I recently accompanied my son to the Jobcentre as, despite having a degree, he is unable to find a job. As the clock ticked half-an-hour past our appointment time, I picked up some literature which was lying around on a nearby, cracked table.

In it, I noticed further copies of that leaflet on how to claim benefits; it was available in 26 other languages and, if you did not speak one of those, translations were available whatever your language!

In other words, immigrants who are not even able to speak English have the Department for Work and Pensions bending over backwards to help them claim unemployment benefits that you, I and other taxpayers fund.

"But there aren't that many non-English-speaking unemployed anyway," you might say. You are probably right. Most of them seem to

be employed in front-line 'customer-service' positions by councils, banks and other institutions in an attempt to make it as difficult as possible for us to complain about anything.

I read the newspapers and note with interest the application of the racial equality laws in this country. I smile when I hear about incidents which the police would usually do nothing about suddenly being taken extremely seriously if one of those involved plays the race card.

Local immigrant associations claim their members are singled out for abuse. Why are they so surprised? Their members choose to live in groups, wear different clothes, follow different religions, eat different foods and many can't even speak English.

They set themselves up as apart from everyone else in this country and then complain they are treated differently. Whose fault is that?

What finally prompted me to write this rant has been the proliferation of 'UK border patrol' programmes on TV.

On these shows, on the rare occasions when officials catch would-be illegal immigrants try-

ing to get in or who are already in the country (and often working, taking the job my son so desperately needs), they simply take their details and let them out on bail.

I would love to know how many known illegals have been caught, arrested and released to go at large again in the UK.

And if you think me a racist thug for my views and blame me and 'others' like me for the recent successes of the BNP, you should know that I am black - that is black, not 'ethnically challenged' or of a 'coloured persuasion' or any other of that politically correct rubbish.

I was born in India and emigrated to the UK many years ago. I consider myself British, as reflected in my speech, my integration with my community, my willingness to obey English laws and, in all ways, to act British, not set myself apart.

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All this to build up the atmosphere before super-star girl band The Pussycat Dolls launch their own very special presentation

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I Don't Need a Man is for obvious reasons, always going to be a show favourite. But the highlight has to be Bottle Pop – the naughty bits highlighted word for word by a vociferous audience. With the clever money going on the

encores being Don't Cha, mixed up with Show Me Love and When I Grow Up. With a finale like that it promises to be one of the best endings to a concert at Quex Park, and the best feel good tonic ever devised!

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YOUR LETTERS

Unhealthy scare stories have been proved wrong

Congratulations on last week's front-page story on the £9 million investment by this Labour Government in a 365-day-a-year improved health service in Thanet.

The new facilities will especially assist harder-to-reach patients and meet the needs I described exactly in a letter to this paper during the recent county council elections.

Although it is too late for those of us who fought and lost in an honest and straightforward campaign, it particularly nails allegations made by the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Thanet South, Laura Sandys, in her 30,000 scaremongering leafletting 'campaign' to 'Save Our GPs', which was aided and abetted by her 'publicist', Thanet North MP Roger Gale.

In recent weeks we have also seen a planning application for a new dentists' surgery in Northdown Road, Cliftonville, which demolishes another scare tactic in Ms Sandys's pre-election leaflets delivered in the Margate and Cliftonville division.

Frightening vulnerable people with 'news' of the loss of essential services to gain political advantage is disgraceful and I hope in the run-up to the next general election residents will remember that with Dr Stephen Ladyman, MP for Thanet South, you always get the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Iris Johnston (Labour district councillor)
Margate Central ward

We're protecting cliff-face

We would like to explain the situation regarding the excavated material on the Rendezvous site for the Turner Contemporary Gallery and reassure those concerned about the environment.

Ecological studies were carried out which considered flora and fauna as well as

migratory seabirds and the possibility of any wildlife living in the chalk cliffs. It was found that these were not a concern.

There was also found to be no evidence of the recently-mentioned plant species on the site at the time of the report and we are in talks with Natural England to make sure steps needed to restore the area are taken.

During this process, Kent County Council has consulted with all those organisations involved, including Thanet council, Natural England and the Environment Agency.

The Rendezvous site is being used under a Tenancy at Will, which allows the temporary use of the site for the storage of material during the course of construction. When the material is moved, the contractor will take care not to disturb the cliff-face and if a further study is required this will be carried out.

The excavated material is already being returned to the site and we appreciate the opportunity to highlight how full consideration for the area has been a priority throughout the work and we look forward to showcasing further progress on the gallery's construction in the future.

Kent County Council senior project manager
Chris Gabriel

Leave Michael alone

I found James Heath's comments in last week's Yourthanet about Michael Jackson to be cruel, spiteful and unnecessary. Unlike you, Mr Heath, there are millions of people in the world who are grieving his death.

Michael Jackson had a very sad life from a young age – he was forced into stage work by an allegedly controlling and cruel father.

Michael's complete childhood was lost – he was never allowed to play, watch TV or play football in the manner of other American children – his life was mapped out and he was beaten if he disobeyed.

You mention the allegations made against him and said he was no saint – are you a saint? Michael craved the companionship of children as he was deprived of this as a child – this did not mean he was an abuser.

Michael was still a child as he was never allowed to grow up and take responsibility



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We are the children

We are the ones who make a brighter day.

My pet gerbil could have come up with better than this drivel. Words fail me (much like they did Michael Jackson).

Tim Munday
Birlingthorn

Rubbish at planning ahead

Waste disposal is a major responsibility of Thanet council. Isle residents pay their community charge and expect to have their bins emptied and to live in a clean environment.

Seagulls are a culprit in splitting rubbish bags, but even if we had fewer of them there would still be a risk of vermin infestation as long as bags or bins with a separate lid are used rather than wheelie-bins.

It has been suggested that residents who do not have wheelie-bins should buy a black bin themselves.

Has it become council policy to push the responsibility on to residents? Should there not be an apology from the current administration of the council since it appears not to be able to plan its budget and is having to ask local residents to dig deeper into their pockets and rescue the council's finances?

In January 2008 the council was given a three-year settlement by central government so that it could plan ahead.

It is to the credit of this Government that it has stuck by the promised funding despite the difficult economic climate and in sharp contrast with the Conservatives nationally saying they would cut any increase in formula grant to zero.

As well as this funding from central government, Thanet council also received many other Government grants and £2.3 million in capital funding.

It appears that this administration of Thanet council has been raiding reserves for the last six years and there is nothing left to pay for the extra wheelie bins.

My information was that 2,000 households in Ramsgate should be getting their wheelie-bins before the summer or in the autumn.

So where has the funding gone?

Carole Russell
Ramsgate

Jackson's lyrics were Bad

Well said, James Heath – Michael Jackson was an embarrassment to the human race.

I don't think a family newspaper is the place to delve into the rather unfortunate accusations to have been levelled at this weirdo, so let's just concentrate on the dreadful lyrics he inflicted on the world.

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The street-cleansing service is another area that has suffered from this council's inability to plan ahead. The resources are down by 20 per cent in spite of increased funding.

I am in favour of a strategy in Ramsgate that would look into bin collection, litter, antisocial behaviour, crime reduction in the town centre and improvement of recreational facilities.

Michelle Fenner (Labour district councillor)
Shadow Cabinet, environmental services

Big problem at event

In response to Clive Hart's recent letter praising Roger Latchford and Thanet council for the Big Event, I feel I have to add my comments.

While overall the Big Event was a success, there was one specific area that marred the enjoyment of the flying display for many spectators on the Saturday.

This was the bizarre decision to start moving the spectators on the cliff-top in the middle of the display.

This resulted in heated arguments between spectators and event security and a lot of people were denied the opportunity to photograph some of the display as they were being moved at the time.

I had one security guard who kept putting his hand in front of my camera to stop me taking photos.

The manner in which some of the security staff dealt with the situation left a lot to be desired. While they were only doing what they were asked, the reasons they

gave were inconsistent and ludicrous.

For example, we were told "it is a designated crash area for the Red Arrows". An aircraft can crash anywhere – the pilot would head out to sea if he had any control.

Another 'reason' we had to move was "because of the chemicals from the Red Arrows' smoke". If it was hazardous, they couldn't use it over the crowd.

I have worked in aviation for more than 30 years and none of the reasons given on the day were valid.

If people should not have been in the area, then it should have been cordoned off before the event started – not wait until halfway through. Someone got it very wrong and as a result many had their day spoilt.

Then, to add insult to injury, having written to Thanet council asking for an explanation for the events that took place that day, here we are several weeks on and they haven't had the decency to reply to me (or to others I know have written to them), let alone give an explanation or apology to those whose enjoyment was curtailed.

Hopefully they will get it right next time and maybe even get round to answering some of the correspondence from residents.

Adrian Dowling
Manston

Council's to-do list

Top ten items for the new Ramsgate Town Council to deal with:

1. Provision of toilets and extend

their opening hours.

2. Resolve the rubbish situation.

3. Reclaim our seafront and formulate five- and ten-year plans to make it the sort of place visitors and residents of all ages will enjoy.

4. Maintain the lifts in working order.

5. Find uses for vacant buildings such as the Royal Pavilion.

6. Set up a Ramsgate museum.

7. Build a new swimming pool.

8. Provide more facilities for our young people.

9. Find a permanent home for the new town council which reflects Ramsgate's unique position as a royal harbour.

10. Revamp our street market and encourage more fresh food stalls.

Laura Probert
Ramsgate

Let's change history

I refer to Roger Arnold's letter of Wednesday, July 1.

The only MEPs who want to lose their jobs are those from UKIP – the others just love the EU gravy train.

Thank goodness there is one common-sense party like UKIP.

I just hope when the general election comes that the public, especially the 60 per cent who couldn't before be bothered to vote, will help UKIP get some MPs – then perhaps things will start to happen for our betterment.

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Audrey Marjerson
by email

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Top DJs get Tunnel Vision as fort hosts house night



GOOD VIBES: Fort Horsted will be playing host to Kent-born DJ Jim Rivers (above right) in an epic day/nighter

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Napoleonic Fort Horsted will be brought into the 21st century next month during a one-off night of house, techno and dubstep.

The historic monument, built in 1880, will host Smirnoff's Tunnel Vision night on Saturday, August 1.

Headliners include Maidstone-born DJ Jim Rivers and David E Sugar, who has recently toured with the likes of overnight sensations La Roux, Calvin Harris and Klaxons.

Jim, whose DJing talents have taken him across the US, Australia and Europe, said he was looking forward to his homecoming gig.

He said: "Although I was born in Maidstone, I've been living in Bristol for the last few years and have been touring around the world, so it's good to come back to Kent and stake my claim again."

"I'm looking forward to the event – the venue looks really good. I can't say I've ever DJed in a Napoleonic fort before!"

"I'll be playing a mixture – everything from deep house to techno and everything in between. I really want to get people going."

A Tunnel Vision spokesman said: "The fort will play host to one of the most unique events – a day/nighter of epic proportions."

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itary re-enactments, hog roasts and an abundance of historic shenanigans."

Joining Jim in the Tunnel room will be fellow house and techno DJs Dodek, Mode: Repeat, Lee Brinx, Alex K, Tom Jobson and Deano Loco.

The Other Room boasts the likes of Dycey, J-Varn, Small Fry, Jay Kenzo and Big Trouble.

Adam French and Anthony Froom will also provide sunset beats on the Sunshine Terrace.


A limited number of saver tickets are available at £12, with the standard entry set at £15. Tickets are available from www.clubtickets.com and by phoning 0870 2462050.

Tunnel Vision is operating a bus service from the River Bar in Maidstone. It will leave at 5pm and return at 3am.

Fort Horsted is in Primrose Close, Chatham. For details, visit www.residentadvisor.net/tunnelvision.

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The salon has been open for business for three years this autumn and has built up a reputation as a place to go for those who want to look and feel the very best they can.

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They will also see the Young Farmers display, which will feature more than 400 young people showing their cattle, sheep, pigs and small pets during the three-day event.

The Royal couple have also been asked to present long service awards to agricultural workers.

The visit will provide an exciting start to the show, which has a vast array of attractions to interest all the family. After an absence of many years, the King's Troop Royal Horse

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On Friday, the Coakham Bloodhounds will be in action in the Astor and Falmouth Rings, while a display illustrating 80 years of agricultural machinery takes place in the Falmouth Ring every day.

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On all three days, the police dog demonstration will shed light on the important work of canine officers. There will be more animal magic from the twice-daily bird of prey flying demonstrations by The Hawking Centre, as well as ferret and terrier racing in the Countryside Area and the Warrenby Gun Dogs.

Learn about farming with the educational live stage show about sheep

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Dogs are put through their paces in the flyball races and there will be more excitement with the Ken Fox Wall of Death.

Young riders tackle tough obstacles in the display by the Kent Youth Trials Club, and visitors can meet Titan the Robot, a humanoid entertainment robot.

A display in the Kent Pavilion, Remembering Kent: An 80-Year Journey, explores the collaborations between the showground and many of the county's organisations. The EcoVillage returns and there will also be an exhibition by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

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Today's line-up of Valerie Holiday, Helen Scott and Cynthia Garrison is just as captivating and the audience can look forward to some spectacular performances.

Scott joined the group when she was just 15 and although she left to have a family in 1966 she returned



10 years later. Holiday was asked to join the line-up in 1967 and Garrison has been with the group for 20 years.

On the group's website, Scott recalled the humble beginnings of a group that would become global stars: "We were just happy-go-

lucky teenagers... we just wanted to sing."

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18/£17.

To book, phone the box office on 01843 292795/296111, or alternatively visit the website at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

THANET PRIDE

Saturday July 18
Margate seafront

CELEBRATE the diverse nature of Margate's community at the vibrant Big Thanet Pride Day.

Thanks to funding from Thanet council and the National Lottery, the free event is even bigger and better this year, with exciting acts throughout the day.

The Pride Parade will leave the Winter Gardens green at 11.30am and the event will be opened by the chairman of Thanet council at noon.

The entertainment will include performances by the near-original Eurovision-winning Bucks Fizz line-up of Cheryl Baker, Mike Nolan and Jay Aston, along with girl group The Dolly Rockers, of X-Factor fame. Other highlights include Mark Read from 90s boy-band A1,



Golden Handbag Award winner The Drag With No Name, Essex singer Michael Hinch and top London drag act Kitty Monroe.

Singer Jamie Watson from Brighton and tribute act The Boy George Experience will also appear. The day will

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THANET LEISURE

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AMATEUR actors are invited to take part in 24-hour Shakespeare at the Theatre Royal Margate.

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Phone Will Wollen on 01843 293397 to find out if there are still places available.

There will be a performance at 7.30pm on Saturday. Participation costs £5 and tickets for the show also cost £5. Phone 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.

Let theatre club take you on a space mission

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SELL unwanted items or bag a bargain at a boot fair in Ramsgate this weekend.

The event is being held at St Laurence Junior School in Newington Road on Saturday. Admission for stall-holders is from 8am and pitches cost £8, pay on the day. The public will be admitted from 8.45am for a 50 pence entrance fee.

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Fallen Angels will give ladies' touch to rock

THREE girls and one lucky man will be performing in Margate later this week.

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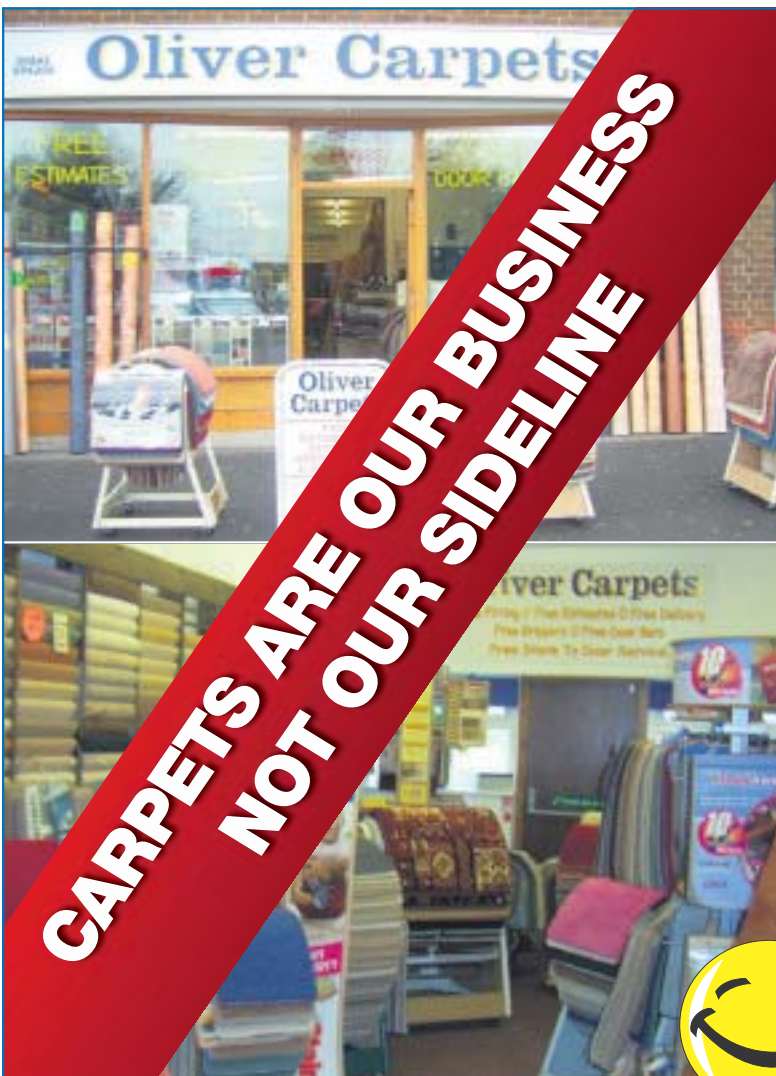
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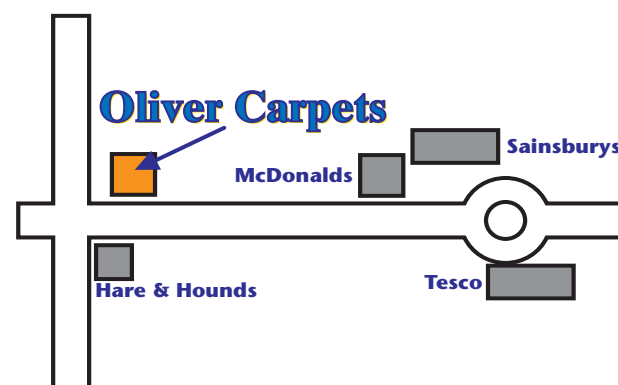
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Robin blossoms when she steps in Pippa's clothes

■ BY LISA WILLIAMS

I'VE been talking to Robin Wright Penn for ten minutes and she's already slipped into an English accent three times.

We're in Edinburgh, where she is promoting her latest film *The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee* and on the first two occasions I assume she's putting it on for comic effect.

On the third, I can't help but point these moments of received pronunciation and she looks startled.

"I know," the 43-year-old says confessionally. "It's because when I'm around you people I feel just like I have to speak like this because I hate my accent. I feel very American around you guys."

She starts making a whining sound and adds: "That's what I sound like to myself when I'm around you."

Robin's father is English so she had a head-start with the accent and the California-based actress admits that – after putting on her costume – adopting another accent helps her get into character.

"Clothing is so important to me when finding a character. It changes your walk, the way you hold your arms, the way you sit: it's maybe the most important thing. Of course, if you have an accent, that's even better."

In her title role as Pippa Lee, a 50-year-old woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, Robin didn't have to feign an accent. But her clothes, she says, were instrumental in getting herself into the prim and proper role.

Given starched beige trousers and plain blouses, her on-screen wardrobe is eye-catching in its plainness.



ROBIN'S LIVES: Robin Wright Penn with husband Sean

"It was genius picking those very conservative, wardrobe pieces for me, and the curl in the hair aged me, too."

Although close to her character in age, the almost-50 actress says the clothes really helped her get into the part.

"I really felt her, every day, because I wear this," she says, pointing at her skinny jeans and tailored leather jacket. "Always have."

In the film, Pippa has an affair with her friend's son, played by Keanu Reeves, who rescues her from her troubled past and the suburban drudgery in which she ends up living.

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Pitched to movie audiences as an age-gap relationship film, in real life Keanu is actually a year older than Robin.

She admits that kissing him on set wasn't strange, because of the on-screen chemistry.

"He was so perfect for it. I feel like we were blessed to have him do it, because it didn't feel strange. The dynamic was already there. To me, that's chemical," she says, her voice inflecting upwards as if asking a question.

"When a director knows, when they walk in, that that person clicks, and we just had it," she continues.

"We needed Pippa to be seen and he's the first person that actually sees her for who she is. It's beautiful as it's like she's then set free, allowed to blossom."

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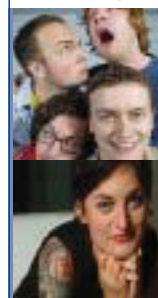
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FASHION expert Gok Wan returns to Bluewater tomorrow to film the catwalk finale for How To Look Good Naked.

It will be the third time that Wan has filmed at Bluewater for the popular makeover series. Four catwalk shows will take place during the day, starting at noon.

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Village will come alive with the Minster show

A LONG summer tradition continues this month when the Minster Show is held once again in the Thanet village.

Formerly the Minster Flower Show, organisers have chosen to rename the event as it evolved and bloomed into much more than that over the years.

Now in its 123rd year, the show will host a bumper programme of activities and shows for you to enjoy.

As well as the always popular flower show, live music, a funfair and baby show, much more will take place when the gates open at 1pm on Saturday, July 18.

At 1.40pm a band of drummers will start the entertainment, leading a parade including the flower show princess, her attendants and

floats through the village, followed by villagers in fancy-dress.

The procession heads on to the recreation ground for a 2pm finale, via Taylor Road and the High Street, where the main part of the event takes place until the evening.

The flower show itself takes place on the rec in a marquee.

A total of 29 cups are up for grabs in a variety of different classes and categories as gardeners show off their finest blooms and produce.

Other entertainment on offer includes a fancy-dress competition, maypole-dancing, competitions and races, bird of prey displays, Pip the Magic Clown, in-line skateboarding displays and live music all afternoon.

Youngsters will compete to become Miss Minster princesses, while there will also be a good selection of stalls and stands to browse among.

A licensed bar will also keep fun-seekers refreshed, but you can bring your own food and drink.

The always popular dogless dog show and catless cat shows return. Take along your photos of your pooches and moggies, no bigger than 5in x 7in for judging.

The show also holds a grand draw, with prizes including £200 in cash, meals, hair and beauty vouchers, days out to Quex Park and Leeds Castle, travel vouchers, giant teddy bears, wines and much more.

And if that wasn't enough, in the evening in the marquee Celidh with the Deal Hoodenars are playing, so you can dance the night away – an excellent way to finish a fun day.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

PSYCHOVILLE BBC2, 10pm, Friday

IN a week of bizarre news – which saw mourners wave a white-gloved goodbye to the king of pop and a man drowned in a vat of chocolate – Psychoville seems genteel in comparison.

The fourth instalment of this serial killer panto was most notable for one extraordinary thing.

It wasn't the usual queasy blend of Hammer horror schlock and dark humour that was unusual.

Anyone familiar with its creators – the men behind BBC2's equally disturbing League of Gentlemen – will be well used to that.

What was incredible was how technically perfect this episode seemed, done as it was in one long unflinching and brutally involving shot.

For the unaware, Psychoville tells the macabre tale of a freakish assortment of murderous characters all over the country who are being blackmailed by a shadowy raincoated and glove-wearing bloke.

Its cast includes a blind toy-obsessed loner, a porn movie panto dwarf, a one-handed clown and a nurse who thinks her baby doll is alive.

The previous three episodes paraded the oddball cast in a series of cringe-inducing, bloodthirsty and lurid scenarios – that were often brutal, slickly edited and occasionally hilarious.

A link between all of them has been hinted at and it appeared we were headed towards a formulaic ending, tying up the loose ends.

But on Thursday last week, the show took an unexpected detour into an apparently traditional BBC format – the television play.

For 30 minutes, Psychoville's two most disturbing stars – mum-and-son team David and Maureen Sowerbutts



FUN'S OVER: BBC2's Psychoville was created by the team behind The League of Gentlemen

(Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith) – took centre stage.

David and Maureen are so decidedly creepy, they could easily be the two most disturbing television characters ever imagined.

The incestuous exchanges are thrown into shocking focus by his encyclopaedic knowledge of mass murderers and her homely homicidal tendencies.

Psychoville is not an easily-forgotten monsters ball. Aside from the gruesome violence, there are some wicked one-liners. To describe it simply as black comedy is an understatement that ranks alongside "that Jacko could dance a bit".

The single-shot experiment worked a treat – and highlighted the flawless timing and talent of Pemberton and Shearsmith. Their interaction is simply frightening to recall.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
YOU exude animal magnetism, getting admiring glances wherever you go. Of course, amour could be the last thing on your mind right now. It seems as though creative pursuits are taking up most of your attention. You could discover a talent for one of the performing arts.
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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
EARNING more money has become your top priority. You hate venturing out of your comfort zone, but it's becoming more and more apparent you need to do so in order to increase your earnings. If this means trying your hand in a different industry, so be it.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
SPENDING more time with friends helps ease any tension that's been building. Recently, demands have kept you cut off from your nearest and dearest. This is a difficult situation for you. By scaling back your work schedule, you'll be back to your happy, spontaneous self in no time.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOUR pulling power is at an all-time high this week. Twisting someone around your little finger will be easy. It really isn't fair to play with their affections when you are so irresistible, but nobody can accuse you of being a saint and a little bit of what you fancy will do you good.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
TRUST your feelings this week, especially as far as men are concerned. A relative or colleague thinks that you're a threat. If he tries to bully you into going against your interests, put your foot down. If you're house hunting, go ahead and haggle for the best price available.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
GETTING in shape will not only make you look better, it will also lift your spirits. Pretty soon, you'll renew your interest in people and activities that used to give you pleasure. Don't worry what others will think of your new routine. When it comes to fitness, do it for yourself.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
PEOPLE are looking to you for leadership, so don't be shy about asserting yourself. You need to be exacting with colleagues who have a tendency to slack off. Granted, your high expectations won't make you very popular, but it will yield impressive results.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
IT'S time to even the score with a best friend, business partner or lover. Lately they have been riding roughshod over you. Stand up for yourself and they'll stop taking you for granted. If someone special has caught your eye you'll have to make the first move.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU'RE even more restless than usual and very tired of the same old routines. If you're dating you may be tempted ditch them and find someone sexier, but be careful you could let a perfectly good relationship slip through your fingers and end up regretting your skittishness.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
A SURGE of creative energy prompts you to take time out to work alone on a pet project. You get more satisfaction from writing, painting, and music than you do from work or family. Naturally some may feel alienated by your behaviour, but that can't be helped.
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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
GIVING yourself over to a spiritual pursuit could be fulfilling. You're tired of always having to think in material terms. Reading will be illuminating and so will attending religious services. In the end, you don't have to commit to anything; just keep an open mind.
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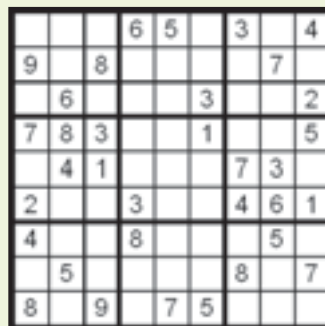
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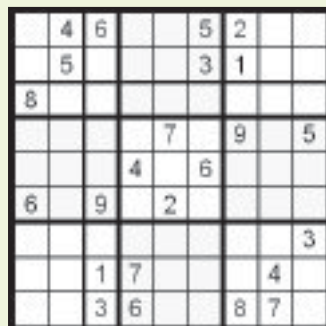
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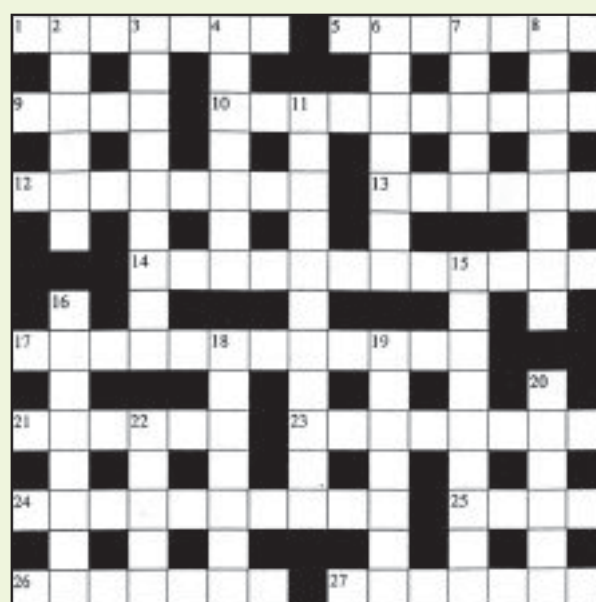
ACROSS

- 1 In passing twice near to the centre (2,32)
5 Spirited? Did another's work (7)
9 Initially one cannot have more than one vote with this (4)
10 Short jacket from bottom cabinet (10)
12 Geological period of French mountains (8)
13 Slow-moving, causing sensation of horror or fear (6)
14 Soldier in courtroom drama seen again in slow motion (6,6)
17 Something unspecified that in Paris repeatedly going round lake had been selected (7,5)
21 During afternoon one step taken on plain (6)
23 Hitch-hiker's request, a tonic? (4-2-2)
24 Belonging to the past school subject finished early I state (10)
25 Neat receptacle (4)
26 X perhaps hasn't been recognised (7)
27 Game little creature (7)

DOWN

- 2 My repeated coming up round the bend expressing pleasant anticipation of food (3-3)
3 Hold a dance and enjoy oneself greatly (4,1,4)
4 Look after young children but let bib stay out of place (4-3)
6 Vehicle rented by a richer eccentric (4,3)
7 Lassie gets trapped during assault (5)
8 New example with right pattern (8)
11 Naturally it cannot be seen being very small (11)
15 Drill put cinema out of action (9)
16 Continuance of the French allowance (8)
18 Loosen a French propeller (7)
19 Kissing cur also in trouble (7)
20 Cake and port (6)

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ACROSS

- 1 Jeer (7)
5 Risky undertaking (7)
9 Vocalise (4)
10 OT character renowned for longevity (10)
12 Total wreck (5-3)
13 Write music (6)
14 To the utmost degree (2,3,7)
17 Generous (5-7)
21 Clothes fastener (6)
23 Swinging weight (8)
24 Cervine animal (6,4)
25 Trademark (4)
26 Present (anag.) (7)
27 Flap (7)

DOWN

- 2 Birdcage (6)
3 Conservative (5-4)
4 Garden heap (7)
6 Vernal ___ (7)
7 Twitter (5)
8 Materiel (anag.) (8)
11 Caramel-coated fruit on a stick (6-5)
15 Goatfish (3,6)
16 Playful banter (8)
18 Succeeded with toil and difficulty (4-3)
19 Plant's climbing organ (7)
20 Manipulate (6)
22 Marine animal (5)

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Rural escape is fun for the family

■ BY JEREMY GATES

TAKING care to dodge the cyclists, I moved to the edge of the rutted chalk footpath to take in the view from Britain's next national park – and saw a panorama to compare with the Alps.

To the north, beyond the plain of the Weald, was the ridge my National Trust notes identified as the Hog's Back. "Blunt bow-headed, whale-backed downs" is how Rudyard Kipling described a similar scene.

Below me, the village of South Harting was nestled around its medieval church spire, the fields occasionally patterned by sunlight bursting between clouds.

Gloomsters agonise about the fate of the South Downs when it becomes Britain's 15th National Park in 2010. But in the sleepy rural lanes of West Sussex, southwards from Crawley through the Arun Valley to the coast, only a vivid imagination would worry about this special place getting too crowded.

The town of Arundel, for example, is such a historic gem that you would expect it to be swamped already.

Is the castle worth it for visitors paying £15 per head? Probably, because you get so many bangs for your bucks: walled gardens, augmented by the spectacular Earl Collector's Garden opened last summer; the keep and its ancient battlements, voice-overs re-enacting a Civil War siege; and then the house itself, largely rebuilt in the late-19th Century and family home for generations of the Howards, one England's great Catholic families.

Beyond the castle are the sort of attractions that would enable a family to holiday happily



LIVING HISTORY: Spectacular Arundel Castle offers visitors an array of activities for a fun-packed day out

around Arundel this summer for a week.

At Swanborough Lake, where families go boating beneath cliffs covered in trees and bushes, the setting is so perfect that Sir Winston Churchill tried to paint it when he stayed at the castle.

Nearby, the 65-acre Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, part of the famous charity based at Slimbridge, offers challenges galore with an 'eco' theme: sunrise safaris; evening bat walks; silent, electric boat rides; summer pond-dipping and bug-hunting; collections of rare species of wildfowls; and play areas with two new giant bird feeders large enough for children to climb inside.

A couple of miles away was our base to explore this delightful corner of West Sussex: the remarkable Bailiffscourt Hotel, one of few country-house hotels with the sea at the

bottom of the garden – the English Channel on the shingle of Climping Beach.

With mellow stone walls beneath a massive thatched roof, Bailiffscourt would appear to be a centuries-old Cotswold house. In fact, this splendid architectural fake was created by the Guinness family in the 1930s, and has become the sort of place where couples go for a quiet, luxurious stay to remember.

Forget all that waffle about Wi-Fi – our room had a huge four-poster bed, an open fireplace, already laid with paper and kindling, and a basket of logs to be tossed on the flames whenever we felt a tad chilly.

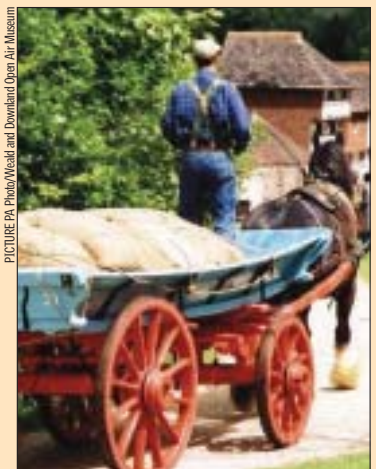
Next morning, before breakfast, the ultimate luxury: a choice between a visit to the health club with both indoor and outdoor pools, or an easy stroll down to the beach to share the rising dawn with the wave-skimming seagulls.

FACT FILE: WEST SUSSEX

Time difference	None
County town	Chichester
Language	English
Population	780,000
Currency	Sterling
Religion	Christian
Climate	Temperate

Travel facts

Jeremy Gates was a guest of Bailiffscourt Hotel & Spa, Climping, West Sussex, with double rooms (B&B) from £210 per night. Reservations: 01903 723511 or log on to www.hshotels.co.uk.



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Offset mortgages can work saving wonders

OFFSET mortgages can be attractive for borrowers with spare cash they want to hang on to but that is not earning much interest because of low interest rates.

This type of mortgage allows homeowners to use their savings to reduce loan costs while keeping access to their money – and to earn an interest rate of 4.6 per cent.

They work because those who use them as well as taking out a mortgage have a separate savings account with the bank that has lent the mortgage.

Instead of receiving interest, these linked accounts reduce the interest paid on the mortgage.

The account balance is subtracted from the mortgage debt, with loan interest only charged on the net difference.

According to First Direct, the average homeowner earns 4.6 per cent on savings linked to these mortgages.

However, offset loan rates can be higher than those on other mortgages.

Offsets make most sense for borrowers with significant savings, particularly higher-rate taxpayers who would otherwise lose 40 per cent of their interest in taxable accounts.

Company tackles site shunned by builders

REGENERATION specialist the Brownfield Land Assembly Company has bought the old Bede and Dunstan Homes in College Road, Deal, and plans to build 16 new affordable homes.

The five two-bedroom houses and 11 three-bedroom houses will be built to Level 3 of the Government's Code for Sustainable Homes and will be among the greenest in the area.

BLAC is funded by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency and has been established by Hyde Housing Association Limited, RJ Barwick Limited and South East England Development Agency to tackle the shortage of housing in the South East.

It is funded specifically to identify, acquire and make useable difficult development sites. The College Road site had not attracted commercial interest due to the presence of asbestos, demolition costs and flood-risk issues.

BLAC is now working with Dover District Council and the Environment Agency to prepare the half-acre site for construction. Subject to planning permission, it is hoped construction will begin towards the end of the year.



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Prepay charges that punish county's poor

■ BY NICK AMES

ENERGY firms operating in the county may be in breach of EU rules by overcharging thousands of our poorest households.

The warning comes from the National Housing Federation as energy regulator Ofgem has been accused of failing hard-up families.

It comes after it emerged that several energy firms were allowed to overcharge prepay meter customers by £464 million over a three-year period.

While they are allowed to charge higher prices to prepay customers to cover meter installation and maintenance costs, those charges need to be 'cost-reflective', otherwise suppliers risk being in breach of EU directives.

Between 2006-08, millions of prepay meter customers were charged well in excess of the average extra cost for installing and maintaining both gas and electricity prepay meters,

estimated by Ofgem as being £87 over direct debit tariffs.

According to official figures, npower, British Gas, E.ON, SSE and Scottish Power all charged prepay customers more than the average cost of supplying meters – even though households with prepay meters only have an average income of £16,000.

Many prepay meter users in the region are classed as vulnerable customers such as single-parent families.

Even though they pay for their fuel up front, the big energy firms have frequently charged them more in recent years than any other customer group.

Ofgem is to finish consulting on the new regulations that it hopes will stop energy firms from charging prepay customers more for their gas and electricity than the figure justi-

fied by the extra cost to the supplier of providing a meter. The watchdog said the aim of the changes to the regulations was to "better reflect the EU directives and to address the detriment caused to consumers".

Simon Nunn, southern head for the National Housing Federation, said: "It is an absolute disgrace that those who are least able to afford it are being penalised because of the way they pay their bills."

"Unscrupulous energy firms have been overcharging vulnerable people for years and Ofgem now needs to act to defend the rights of ordinary people rather than protecting the profits of big business."

"Some companies, including npower, E.ON and Scottish Power, have already proved that energy firms can absorb the additional costs rather than passing them on to their poorest customers, and Ofgem must outlaw the practice of discriminating against prepay meter users once and for all."

Welcome home for the Forces



HOME TO ROOST: Celebrations at the first Armed Forces Day look set to continue as Ward Homes offers military personnel a financial incentive to get on the property ladder

THE county's military servicemen and women are being offered incentives to help them get their feet on the property ladder.

People employed by the Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, as well as anyone who served in the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, all qualify for an Armed Forces Discount Scheme from Kent housebuilder Ward Homes.

The scheme is available at Eden Village in Sittingbourne, Priory Meadows on Sheppey, The Woodlands in Boughton Monchelsea and its latest development, Pavilion Place in Snodland, which was launched this month.

Anyone set to retire from the Armed Forces this year will be eligible until the end of 2009. They will be offered a £500 discount for

every £25,000 or part thereof on the cost of the property they are buying.

For example, on a home costing £126,000 they would qualify for a reduction of £3,000.

The move has been brought in to coincide with Armed Forces Day.

"This country rightly celebrates the achievements of its Armed Forces, which many regard as the best in the world," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have an established track record of helping people into home ownership and this offer should enable servicemen and women to finally own their own homes and save money."

"What gives us the edge over other people selling homes is that we provide customers

with innovative financial incentives which enable them to get a mortgage."

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Eden Village include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, priced from £146,950.

Two-bedroom houses are available for sale at Priory Meadows from £139,950.

Three-bedroom houses are available at The Woodlands, with prices starting at £224,950.

Pavilion Place, a development of 44 homes, has also been launched.

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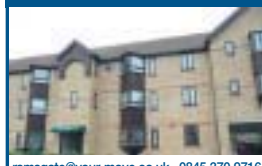


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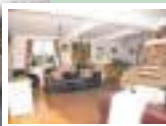
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Westgate-On-Sea £110,000

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Delightful sea views are enjoyed from the lounge and kitchen of this one bedroom first floor apartment. Dresden Court is a purpose built block ideally situated within a mere 200 metre radius of the sandy beaches and promenade walks at Westgate Bay and comprises 'L' shaped lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, under floor heating and garage.



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This spacious two bedroom mid terraced house is situated in a popular residential area of Westgate. The house would make an ideal first time buy or investment property and comprises two double bedrooms, lounge, 16' kitchen / diner, bathroom, separate w.c., double glazing, central heating, a low maintenance rear garden. This property is offered with vacant possession.



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The generous accommodation of this home is arranged over three floors and comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, garden room, three bedrooms, loft room, bathroom and separate w.c. This home also benefits from a pretty rear garden with picturesque farm land views and is situated in a popular residential area of Westgate-on-Sea within a mile radius of the beach, local shops and amenities.



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HOW TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER

This Victorian townhouse is situated in the heart of Westbrook, within a short distance of the beaches and promenade, the local transport links and high street shops. This spacious property comprises three double bedrooms, lounge, dining room / garden room, fitted kitchen, four piece bathroom suite, exterior utility area and a pretty courtyard style garden.



Margate £130,000

HOW TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER.....

This lovely two bedroom mid terraced house is the perfect option for someone who wants to get onto the property ladder or purchase as a buy to let investment property. Situated in a quaint street of similar properties, this well presented house offers good sized accommodation comprising two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, separate w.c., a 22' lounge / diner, double glazing, central heating and a 40' rear garden.



Margate £135,000

YOUR IDEAL INVESTMENT

This two bedroom mid terrace property is located within a half mile radius of Margate's picturesque sandy beaches and promenade and would be an ideal first purchase or buy to let property. This house offers open plan living downstairs comprising lounge, dining room and kitchen leading onto the rear garden. Upstairs there are two bedrooms and a family bathroom.



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Margate £155,000

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Broadstairs Reduced To £650,000

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Broadstairs Reduced To £150,000

YOUR PERFECT CONTEMPORARY APARTMENT

This top floor apartment is situated in St Peters and is within easy access to Broadstairs High Street with local transport links nearby. An ideal first time buy, investment or holiday home this property comprises two double bedrooms, one with ensuite, separate bathroom, lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, covered allocated parking, lift, balcony and manicured communal gardens.



Broadstairs £139,000

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Broadstairs £190,000

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Broadstairs Reduced To £300,000

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Broadstairs £235,000

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Ramsgate £199,500

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SHARE A BOTTLE

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FUNNY GIRL

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LIFE IS FOR LIVING

Professional woman, young 53, likes gardening, summer bbqs, keeping fit and long walks, looking for a non-smoking man to share life with. Box 453307 **📧**

GENUINE LADY

Attractive lady, 60's, Hastings, slim, 5ft6, like animals, walking and socialising. I have a GSOH and WLTm a tall, gent, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 453327 **📧**

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 443435 **📧**

ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTm an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 **📧**

JUST A GIRL

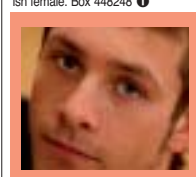
Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28, and WLTm similar female. Box 878997 **📧**

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Passionate female, 37, new to town, WLTm passionate, genuine companions to socialise with, go out and have some fun, then see what happens. Ashford area. Box 880564 **📧**

FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE

Feminine woman, easygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes, I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448248 **📧**



MEN seeking women

GET TO KNOW ME

Looking for friends, fun, and maybe something long term. I'm male, 22, greenish-brown hair, 6ft tall, slim build. Box 453388 **📧**

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 **📧**

TRY ME

Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head, I enjoy eating out, swimming, films, and family time. Box 451418 **📧**

I'M YOUR MAN

Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, looking for a easygoing female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 **📧**

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 **📧**

TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451692 **📧**

THE BUZZ

Happy easygoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 **📧**

HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101 **📧**

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Sincere, 36yr old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954 **📧**

THE WIT TO WOO

Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Herne Bay Box 424503 **📧**

HOP ON!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTm a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 **📧**

MARSHAL ME

Chris, 39, 5ft7, stocky, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 440167 **📧**

I'LL MAKE YOU SMILE

Keith from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very fun-loving, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111 **📧**

FRIENDS FIRST

Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build. I'm easygoing and relaxed, and like like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361 **📧**

NIGHT OUT NIGHT IN?

Easygoing male, 40, likes most things in life, seeks slim white female 21-45 for company, friendship and more. Box 451895 **📧**

TLC ON OFFER

Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium build, dark hair/brown eyes, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking for a girl, same interests, 20-33, for friendship/romance. Hastings Box 450613 **📧**

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A NEW LIFE

MOTORS NEWS



New Jaguar XJ wows celebrities at launch

JAGUAR flew in American chat show star and car fan Jay Leno to launch its new XJ flagship to a celebrity audience in London.

It underlined how crucial this new stunner is to the British executive marque, especially as it breaks a styling tradition begun in the 1960s by the Mark X and refined by the original XJ6.

A square grille remains, but twin headlights have gone, replaced by sweeping slits fronting a slippery four-door aluminium coupé body. It arrives in early 2010 priced from £52,500.



New Mini celebrates making 1.5m milestone

JUST weeks after marking 50 years of the original Mini, BMW's Oxford plant reached another milestone by producing the 1.5 millionth 'new Mini' since its launch in 2001.

Inspired by and emulating the 60s icon, the new generation series has been a UK export success, sold in more than 80 countries and an all-electric Mini E also goes on trial in the UK soon with government support. Some 5.3 million 'classic' Minis (1959-2000) were built, taking the combined Mini count to 6.8m.



Kangoo II proves that it's no 'van ordinaire'

JUST as Britain's recession-hit drivers shun glitz and glamour, French carmakers have boosted the appeal of utility MPVs like the Renault Kangoo.

The second generation Kangoo is no longer disadvantaged in consumers' eyes by being van-based; the more expensive Renault Scenic was the donor this time, yet Kangoo prices begin at a recession busting £11,200 for a more capacious car with the same rear sliding doors layout to tempt a variety of buyers needing a weekday van/weekend family holdall.



A WORK OF ART: Citroën's seven-seat Grand Picasso has plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on the dashboard, and can be driven in fully automatic mode or as a manual

Picasso hangs up well in the Citroën MPV gallery

PABLO Picasso was a master of the unorthodox and it is not hard to see why Citroën 'signed' its MPV sub-brand after the Spanish artist.

The seven-seat C4 Grand Picasso (from £14,995) certainly fits the gallery with its dramatic lines and interior flexibility.

The cabin seems huge even without the £610 full-length panoramic roof and there is plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on a dashboard that mixes pragmatic layout with flair.

Comfortable seats complement good ride quality and refinement and the middle three adjust quickly and separately and flip/slide simply for access to the rearmost pair, though using these leaves minimal boot space.

I would normally recommend buying a diesel MPV for economy and low-down grunt to cope with possible heavy loads, even though you must cover more miles to recover higher upfront costs.

So I was dubious about the 1.6-litre petrol test car with Citroën's EGS semi-auto gearbox, loaned by Wilmoths, Maidstone.

Doubts dispersed quickly though; the lively

ROAD TEST CITROËN PICASSO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

150bhp motor takes the Grand Picasso to 62mph in 10.2 seconds. And the six-speed EGS can also be driven in fully automatic mode or as a clutchless manual using a sequential lever or paddle shifts either side of the stationary steering wheel hub – now a Citroën trademark.

Wilmoths, Maidstone general sales manager Kelvin Clayton, said: "Even I didn't like the sound of this combination at first, but the 1.6 engine has plenty of go and the gearbox learns your style of driving."

"The proof of the pudding is that most people who try the EGS gearbox, end up buying one and we have had just one complaint."

Amazingly, the EGS can memorise up to four regular drivers; once it has your 'number' it recognises who has slipped behind the wheel and adopts the correct mode.

And while it cannot match a diesel fuel saving, this cheaper petrol auto combination offers greater economy than a conventional manual, as well as low emissions to make it a reasonably 'green' option.

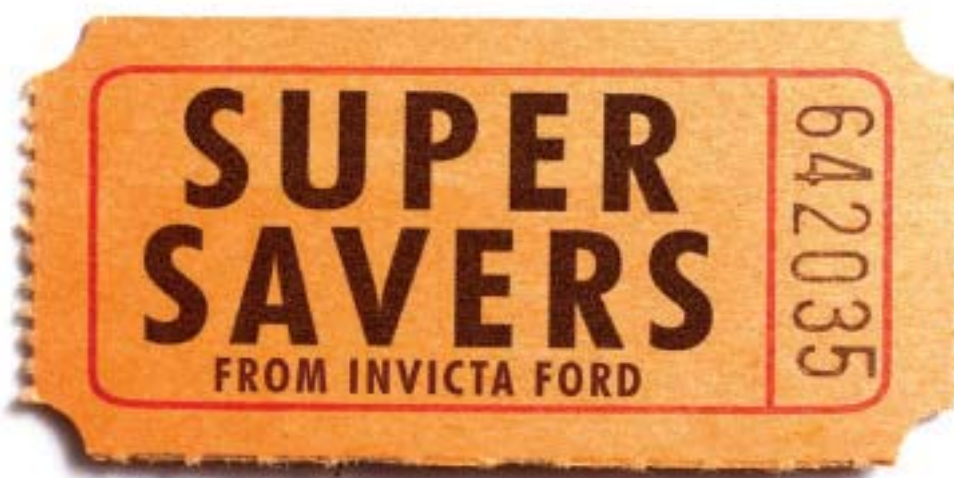
Our mid-range VTR+ model is priced at £19,855, but Wilmoths currently has a £1,500 Grand Picasso discount promotion plus zero per cent finance.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

DISTINCTIVE MIDI-MPVs

RENAULT tried a bit of lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original five-seat Scenic of 1997, the blueprint for even more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient 'MPV styling' across the whole car market. As one of the new car market's boom sectors over the past few years, it means there is also plenty of choice for user car buyers.

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



NO apologies for including the Picasso – it quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic to become the best-seller in the new sector. It's only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges and corners of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides well when heavily laden, but tends to heel a little on corners. The range features excellent turbodiesels from the Peugeot-Citroën stable and has a good reliability record. Plenty of affordable choice on the used market too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT MULTIPLA



EARNING top marks with the motoring press for originality and impact when it arrived in 2000, the original Multipla looked simply too wacky to generate the sales it deserved. A facelift made it more visually acceptable and its practical qualities began to shine. Relatively compact though wide, it allows six to be seated comfortably in two rows and there is plenty of stowage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain.

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HONDA FR-V



THOUGH late into this sector, Honda had more time to review the market and decided that Fiat got it right with the Multipla. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats, but not as roomy as the Fiat. Buyers like the reliable Honda engineering and how the dashboard gearshift makes more room in front. The middle front seat can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

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FUSION, 1.4 TDCi 2 5dr, metallic vitro, abs, air con, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group: 5, green, £3390 miles, £4995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

GALAXY, 2.0 TDCi Zetec 5dr - AUTO [140] - P/A & PRIVACY, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, alloys, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group: 11, silver, 16875 miles, £15995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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Closing date: Friday 17 July 2009

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For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail
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Closing date: 20 July 2009

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Lecturer in Biology Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

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Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

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CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent League Division Two

Bromley Common 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

BROADSTAIRS moved to within three points of a promotion spot in Division Two after a narrow 12-run win at Bromley Common.

The Thanet side batted first and scored a respectable 239 for 9, helped along the way by some ordinary bowling from the home side which included 48 extras made up of ten no-balls and 14 wides – a statistic that proved costly for Bromley Common.

Broadstairs' top three all got starts but were removed with 99 on the scoreboard, leaving the innings in a precarious position. However, a fourth wicket partnership of 110 between skipper Neil Brennan (61) and David Cooper (38), ensured Broadstairs would set a competitive score. That was until Matt and James Walker cleared up the last five wickets for just 39 runs.

When it was Bromley Common's turn to bat, Liam Narraway struck early to remove opener Jay Mannall for three and it was soon 73 for 3 when Bradley Ellison and Martin Rattigan each picked up a wicket.

Robbie Harris and Ben Cole shared an 87-run partnership to steady the innings, but Narraway returned to claim the pair of them. Crucially, Harris was ousted just four runs short of a deserved century, and with the smell of victory close, Broadstairs' bowlers went for the jugular. The final two wickets went to run outs to complete a good day in the field for the visitors. Narraway was the pick of the attack with 4 for 78, while Bradley Ellison finished with 3 for 61.

Broadstairs continue climb towards promotion spot



HOW'S THAT! Broadstairs bowler Bradley Ellison asks the question during his side's 12-run win at Bromley Common at the weekend

SCOREBOARD

Broadstairs

	Runs
Michael Ross ct Mason b Merrell	11
Terry Bond ct J Walker b Mannall	27
Scott Narraway ct Merrell b Robey	29
Neil Brennan ct Merrell b M Walker	61
David Cooper ct Merrell b J Walker	38
Sam Winsor ct Sub b J Walker	3
Bradley Ellison not out	7
Liam Narraway ct Cole b M Walker	1
Dan Smith b M Walker	1
Martin Rattigan ct Merrell b J Walker	13
Ashley Ellison not out	0
Extras (12b 12lb 14w 10nb)	48
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	239

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matt Walker	11	1	47	3
Jack Merrell	8	3	17	1
Greg Robey	6.4	1	25	1
Jay Mannall	7	0	34	1
Lee Hall	7.2	0	48	0
Jamie Walker	10	1	44	3

Bromley Common

	Runs
Rob Williams ct Smith b B Ellison	23
Jay Mannall ct Brennan b Narraway	3
Robbie Harris lbw b L Narraway	96
Jody Mason ct S Narraway b Rattigan	12
Ben Cole ct Winsor b L Narraway	35
Jamie Walker ct Brennan b B Ellison	15
Lee Hall lbw b L Narraway	28
Jack Merrell b B Ellison	0
Greg Robey run out	0
Matt Walker run out	1
David Luford not out	1
Extras (6b 2lb 3w 2nb)	13
Total (all out, 47.3 overs)	227

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	14	0	78	4
Bradley Ellison	14.3	1	61	3
Martin Rattigan	13	2	50	1
Ashley Ellison	6	1	30	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Lordwood 1st XI

SANDWICH Town came close to ending Lordwood's impressive start to the season in a narrow two-wicket defeat.

Town, lying third in the league, were hoping to close the gap on league leaders Lordwood but could only make 197 from their 50 overs. David Draper was the star of the innings with a knock of 60.

The victory looked to be on for Sandwich as their bowlers quickly dismissed Lordwood's openers for just 12. Lordwood kept chipping away at the total set by Sandwich and managed to surpass it with three overs remaining.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	32
David Scoggins	46
Robert Goatham	16
Vishnu Singh	0
David Draper	60
b Iles	6
Rhys Jones	11
James Bolt	6
Gavin Lawrence	3
Craig Spanton	10
Matthew van Poppel	7
Jack Bradley	0
Extras	6
Total	197

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Masters	9	1	57	2
James Iles	12	1	34	2
Richard Cross	14	3	43	0
John Williams	5	0	17	1
Darren Scott	10	0	40	3

Lordwood

	Runs
Chris Thompson	5
Alan Pattenden	7
Peter Stock	23
Lyndon Lockhart	22
Darren Scott	24
Jeremy Greaves	63
Matt Iles	2
Daniel Masters	0
James Iles	24
John Williams	7
Richard Cross	0
Extras	21
Total	198

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	2	32	2
Jack Bradley	13	1	59	4
Matthew van Poppel	4	0	19	0
David Draper	8	1	43	1
Craig Snell	7	0	34	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Folkestone 3rd XI v Nelson 1st XI

IT took just 8.2 overs for Nelson to complete a crushing ten wicket victory against Folkestone 3rd XI on Saturday.

Nelson's bowlers caused havoc for the Folkestone batsmen, as they limped to 58 all out. Only three batsmen reached double figures. Duncan Cotton and James Bridgland took five wickets between them, but the pick of the bowlers was David Walton, who took 3 for 3.

Nelson easily surpassed 58 to win the game without losing a wicket. Mike Burney (42) and Kartik Bhudia (15) steered Nelson to victory.

Folkestone

	Runs
Russell Greenhill	9
Garry Reynolds	1
Phil Johnson	10
Matthew May	0
Luke Wright	3
David Jones	0
Michael Winstanley	10
Elliott Page	0
Will Foster	7
Kane Wheeler	0
Matthew Brady	11
Extras	7
Total	58

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Bridgland	5	3	11	3
Duncan Cotton	4	4	14	2
David Walton	5	3	3	3
Chris Hayre	4	0	12	1
Stuart Cotton	3	0	7	0
Kartik Bhudia	5	1	8	1
Glenn Tift	2	0	2	0

Nelson

	Runs
Mike Burney	42
Kartik Bhudia	15
Glenn Tift	0
Amit Bhudia	0
James Bridgland	0
Stuart Cotton	0
Zeeshan Sheikh	0
Adam Taylor	0
Duncan Cotton	0
David Walton	0
Chris Hayre	0

Extras	2
Total	59

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matthew Brady	3	0	27	0
Garry Reynolds	3	0	16	0
Kane Wheeler	1.2	0	7	0
Will Foster	1	0	9	0

BRETT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Old Hartsdonians 2nd XI v Dover Cosmopolitans 1st XI

AN unbeaten 80 from Steve Durrant helped condemn Old Hartsdonians 2nd XI to a five-wicket defeat.

Old Harts' top order made a positive start in the first innings with Ray Keatley (40), Steve Bing (37) and Arjun Koyappalli (29) helping the hosts to 175 all out.

However, Dover's reply was led by Durrant's knock as he, along with Mike Palmer (29), helped them past 175 in the 39th over.

Old Hartsdonians

	Runs
Steve Bing	37
Tom Hudson	1
Arjun Koyappalli	29
Ray Keatley	40
Sean Turner	18
Kane Pegg-Smith	0
Howard Ledingham	13
Gary Impett	3
Trishaal Chhanabhai	2
Peter Wright	0
Paul Meade	0
Extras	31
Total	175

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Newton	9	1	23	2
Steve Horsler	8.1	0	33	3
Daniel Taylor	7	0	52	1
Karl Sandy	9	1	31	2
John Hogg	8	1	28	1

Dover Cosmopolitans

	Runs
Mick Palmer	27
Graham Horsler	0
Steve Durrant	80
John Stokes	0
John Hogg	12
Karl Sandy	13
Steve Horsler	5
Ben Newton	0
Dave Mitten	0
Simon Truelove	0
Daniel Taylor	0

Extras	39
Total	176

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sean Turner	8	0	37	1
Trishaal Chhanabhai	5	0	25	0
Ray Keatley	9	1	44	1
Gary Impett	9	3	19	2
Howard Ledingham	5.4	1	18	1
Kane Pegg-Smith	2	0	15	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Westgate-On-Sea 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

WESTGATE's Lewis Finch hit 88 to help his side to an eight-wicket win against struggling Wye.

The visitors batted first and were bowled out for 170 in the 42nd over, with Raj Mahadevaiah top scoring with a knock of 63.

Westgate showed why they are threatening the top of the division as their batsmen took control. Lewis Finch's time at the crease proved to be pivotal as he hit 88, which significantly hurt Wye's chances of staving off defeat. Keith Sandwell and Chris Flint steered Westgate to a comfortable victory in the 28th over.

Wye

	Runs
Daniel Noden	18
Nick Eve	5
Jordan Reed-Ashton	31
Raj Mahadevaiah	63
Adam Dodd	19
Wayne Edlin	0
Matt Barlow	18
William Elgar	2
Andy Elgar	1
Keith Secrett	0
Mark Shannon	0
Extras	13
Total	170

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Flint	9	2	42	3
Brian Andrews	7	0	43	0
Jason Mickle	12	4	29	3
Richie Holden	4	0	31	1
Stephen Winch	8	1	17	0
Ross Heathcote	1.3	0	5	2

Westgate-On-Sea

	Runs
Neil Watford	31
Lewis Winch	88
Keith Sandwell	25
Chris Flint	12
Nick Sandwell	0
Steve Wood	0
Richie Holden	0
Stephen Winch	0
Brian Andrews	0
Jason Mickle	0
Ross Heathcote	0
Extras	15
Total	171

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jordan Reed-Ashton	6	0	23	0
Keith Secrett	5	2	17	0
William Elgar	2	0	20	0
Wayne Edlin	4	1	31	0
Daniel Noden	6	0	35	1
Matt Barlow	1	0	19	0
Mark Shannon	3.5	0	20	1

T20 ticket sales boom for quarter-final

Picture ADY KERRY



ST LAWRENCE: Kent Spitfires have their biggest game of the season against Durham

SALES for Kent Spitfires' biggest game of the season continue apace, with more than 3,000 already snapped up.

The Spitfires face the Durham Dynamos in the Twenty20 Cup quarter-final at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury on Monday, July 27, with a chance to make it to finals day for the third year in a row.

The club are hoping for a bumper crowd to help fill the ground and cheer them on to victory against a strong Durham side that features Steve Harmison, Dale Benkenstein and Australian Dave Warner.

Kent's director of business development, Jamie Clifford, said: "Revenue from ticket sales is very important to us – so a home quarter-final is a welcome bonus."

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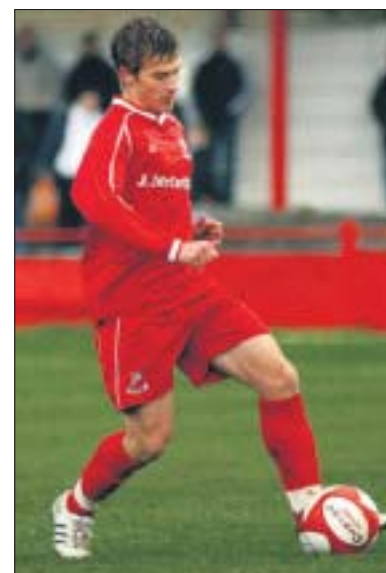
"It is excellent to see that sales for the T20 continue to be brisk.

"The players are very excited about the prospect of playing in front of a big home crowd. With over two weeks to go we have already sold more than 3,000 tickets and it promises to be a great occasion."

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FOOTBALL



Picture DAVE STEWART

SEARCHING: Jim Ward is unsure if defender Danny Walder (above) will feature for the club next season

Ward eyes cover in defence in bid to bolster squad

ALTHOUGH defender James Gregory has joined Ramsgate, manager Jim Ward admitted he is in need of defensive cover before the new season begins next month.

Gregory, who was playing for Margate last season, joined the club last week to fill in the gap at left-back. However, Ward, who has also lost utility player Dan Tanner to Whitstable Town, is not content with his defensive options and is hoping to attract more defenders to the club.

Ward said: "I am fairly happy with how my squad is shaping up. The midfield and strike-force is good, but it could change after the pre-season friendlies. I will need to get in a couple more defenders though and we will have a look at some during our pre-season games."

Danny Walder, who featured heavily for the Rams last season, has been on trial at Dover Athletic and played for the Whites in a 2-1 defeat to Barnet on Saturday. Ward is unsure if he will be a part of his side next season.

He said: "I am not sure how well he did in the game at Dover. I am still waiting to hear from him about next season so we will have to wait and see."

Ramsgate begin their pre-season campaign this Saturday when they travel to Kent League side Deal Town.



Picture SIMON HARRIS

EXPERIENCED: Terry Yorath will hold talks this week with former Gillingham and Dover Athletic midfielder Alan Pouton in a bid to sign him for the Hartsdown outfit

Blues in talks to bring Pouton to Hartsdown

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

MARGATE boss Terry Yorath will hold talks this week with former Gillingham and Dover Athletic midfielder Alan Pouton.

The 32-year-old central midfielder left Dover at the end of last season as he couldn't commit to playing every game because of the amount of travelling in the Blue Square South.

A number of clubs are believed to be interested in signing him, including fellow Ryman Premier rivals Maidstone United.

Yorath, however, hopes to sit down with him this week to discuss joining his team and add

him to the experienced players he has already recruited.

He said: "We have signed Ben Lewis and Lloyd Blackman and I'm hoping to sign two other players this week. All I can say about Alan Pouton is that I will be talking to him this week."

After finishing in the bottom four last season it was clear to see the Blues needed more experience in their young side and Yorath is hoping the addition of Blackman, Lewis and potentially Pouton, will go some way to making them a stronger team.

"At the end of last season we sat down and talked about what we needed and what we need is experience," he said. "The Staines game on the last day of the season proved we missed that. If we had experienced players in that game perhaps we wouldn't have lost 4-1."

The former Wales international boss admits he was a bit "disappointed" that midfielder Dan Stubbs has decided to leave the club and

looks destined to sign for Maidstone United after featuring in their pre-season friendly with Accrington Stanley at the weekend. It means Blues are still after a midfielder, although Pouton would naturally fit the bill, a striker and a goalkeeper as Margate prepare for a pre-season campaign that begins on Friday with the visit of League One side Carlisle and Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic on Saturday.

With the club still in debt to HM Revenue & Customs, Blues are hopeful of getting a sizeable crowd in at Hartsdown Park to help fill the coffers.

Yorath said: "We would love to have a big crowd for the two friendlies because financially it would be good, but you can't force people to come and watch."

Friday night's game at Hartsdown Park kicks off at 7.45pm while Saturday's clash with Grays starts at 3pm.

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